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## Elaine Rainey of Shreveport is Selected As Lady of the Bracelet

### Students Set Up Hot Line System

Students at Northwestern have inaugurated a new telephone hot-line system which will provide counseling and referral services to university students and residents of the community.

Serving as coordinator of the program, which will be known as MEKA, is David Ramin, senior sociology major from Rambin.

The number for the program will be 357-6352, the last four digits spelling out the name MEKA. Ramin said the hot-line will be open from 8 p. m. until 2 a. m. seven days a week.

Northwestern's Student Body Association is funding the program this year, but in the future it will be funded from donations and various fund-raising projects. Assisting in the establishment of the new program was the university's Health and Related Services Committee.

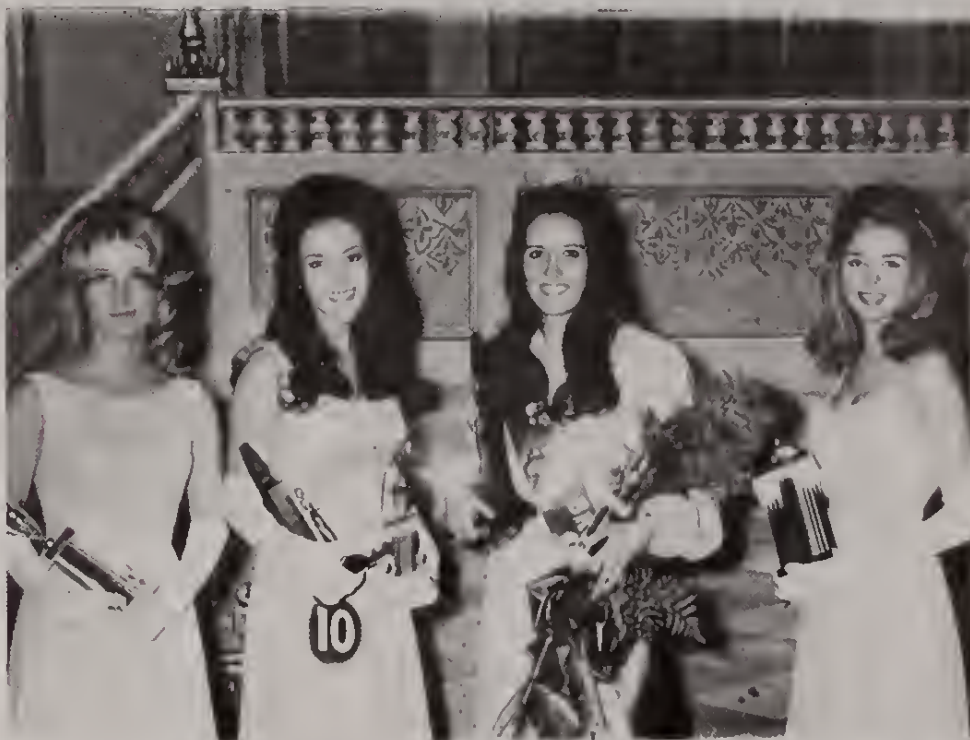
Ramin said students and other persons may call the hot line number at any time during its open hours and may discuss any problems which they might have. Specially-trained students will counsel with callers when possible, and callers will be referred to various professional when hot-line staff members feel it is necessary.

Psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, physicians, attorneys, clergymen and other professional people have agreed to assist the Northwestern students in providing services for persons who call the hot-line.

Telephones and private booths have been installed in Carondelet Hall on the Northwestern campus to house the hot-line program. More than 50 students have been participating in training programs for the counseling services.

Ramin said all calls will be confidential, and callers will volunteer only the information which they want hot-line staff members to know. Records of all calls will be filed in the hot-line office.

Students who serve as hot-line counselors will participate in weekly training sessions which will be conducted by professional personnel. Most of the hot-line staff members are students in the areas of psychology, sociology, guidance and counseling and nursing.



**WINNERS OF VARIOUS** — honors in this year's Lady of the Bracelet contest at Northwestern were, from left, Susan Idom, Vivian; Joanne Sullivan, Benton; Elaine Rainey, Shreveport, and Cynthia Riser, Castor. Miss Rainey was named Lady of the Bracelet and tied with Miss Sullivan for top honors in the swimsuit division. Miss Riser won the talent division, and Miss Idom was named Miss Congeniality.



**THE TOP FIVE** — beauties in Northwestern's Lady of the Bracelet contest this year were, from left, Debbie Couvillion, Kaplan, first runner-up; Joanne Sullivan, Benton, second runner-up; Elaine Rainey, Shreveport, Lady of the Bracelet; Brenda Fitzgerald, Opelousas, third runner-up, and Debbie Wallace, Pineville, fourth runner-up.

### Debbie Couvillion First Runner-Up

Elaine Rainey, a 20-year old junior from Shreveport, crowned as Northwestern's Lady of the Bracelet, the school's top beauty honor.

Miss Rainey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rainey, is a stunning, 5-foot-7, brown-eyed brunette. The new Lady of the Bracelet tied for top honors in the swimsuit competition and was a favorite of the audience in the talent division with a modern interpretative dance to "Exodus."

Debbie Couvillion, sophomore early childhood education major from Kaplan, was chosen as the first runner-up.

Second runner-up was Joanne Sullivan, junior business education major from Benton, and third runner-up honors went to Brenda Fitzgerald, freshman sociology and psychology major from Opelousas. Debbie Wallace, senior speech education major from Pineville, was fourth runner-up.

The 20 semi-finalists in the pageant were selected from 33 nominees proposed for the honor by dormitory residents and members of campus organizations.

Miss Rainey and Miss Sullivan were selected as co-winners of the swimsuit competition, and Cynthia Riser of Castor was named winner of the talent division. Miss Riser sang "Juliet's Waltz Song" from the opera Romeo and Juliet.

Selected by fellow contestants as winner of the Miss Congeniality Award was Susan Idom, a senior elementary education major from Vivian.

Judges narrowed the field to 10 before the final competition. Others in the top 10 were Deborah Wester, Provencal; Roxie Carriere, Shreveport; Miss Riser; Debbie Jones, Alexandria and Ginger Lindsey, Natchitoches.

Miss Rainey, a speech pathology major at Northwestern, was one of the 20 semi-finalists in last year's Lady of the Bracelet pageant and was a member of this year's NSU Homecoming Court.

The 1972 Lady of the Bracelet also holds membership in the university's Pom Pon Line, Sigma Alpha Eta professional speech and hearing society, and Alpha Lambda Delta.

## Porter Business Forum is Scheduled Feb. 28

The sixth annual Walter Porter Forum, sponsored by the Northwestern College of Business, has been scheduled for Feb. 28.

Cooperating with Northwestern in the sponsorship of the forum is the Gifford-Hill Company of Dallas. The forum is named in memory of the co-founder and former president of Gifford-Hill.

The forum is an effort to translate the textbook into

practice by bringing successful business executives to the classroom to speak on selected topics in their areas of experience.

Dr. David Townsend, dean of the NSU College of Business, is serving as coordinator and director of the Walter Porter Forum. Townsend said the program will open at 9 a. m. and will be highlighted by a luncheon in the Student Union Ballroom

beginning at 11:30.

Guests will be welcomed to the luncheon by Dr. Arnold R. Kilpatrick, Northwestern president. Among others participating in the luncheon program will be James W. Porter, Jr., and P. W. Gifford, both of Gifford-Hill.

Townsend said 10 outstanding business executives have accepted invitations to deliver addresses during the day-long program.



## Computers Placed In Financial Aid

Computer equipment has been installed in the Bureau of Financial Aid at Northwestern as part of a major expansion and reorganization of the office.

Dr. Frank Martin, director of financial aid, said vast changes have been made in the university's Bureau of Financial Aid to help the office better meet the needs of students at Northwestern.

Martin said a Univac Uniscope 300 has been put into operation in the bureau. The computer equipment gives financial aid personnel instantaneous access to the files of all students on campus who receive any form of financial assistance.

The Bureau of Financial Aid is linked to the university's registrar's office and the central computer center on campus by a telephone system.

Requests for information are typed on a keyboard in the Bureau of Financial Aid, and the information is provided in less than 15 seconds from the Univac 9400 in the NSU Computer Center.

Although the Bureau of Financial Aid's computer facilities have retrieval capabilities from both the registrar's office and the computer center, the confidential financial information included on Financial Aid files is not made available to other areas of the campus.

Martin said the new computer equipment in the Bureau of Financial Aid has both input and change capabilities, allowing the office to correct and update students' files in a matter of seconds.

More than 3,100 of Northwestern's 6,200 students are included in the Bureau of Financial Aid computer file. Some 1,500 to 1,800 students receive loans, and more than 1,000 have some type of scholarship. There are 1,050 participating in the Work-Study program, and some 500 receive Veterans Assistance. All financial assistance is administered by the Bureau of Financial Aid.

Currently in the planning stages in the Bureau of Financial Aid is a computer system to handle billing and other transactions in the university's loan repayment program. Northwestern has more than \$2 million in loans in the hands of students and former students.

These loan payments come in monthly, and the computer system will assist the Bureau of Financial Aid in handling the massive loan program, which is second only to LSU among collegiate loan programs in Louisiana.

Northwestern now has computer equipment in the registrar's office, financial aid office and the controller's office in addition to the central computer center.



**BRENDA KAY CREFT** — Northwestern State University senior nursing major from Baton Rouge, has been selected as recipient of the Allstate Foundation Scholarship Award. Presenting the check to Miss Creft at Northwestern's Shreveport campus are Allstate district sales manager Wayne Maddox, left, and Allstate account agent Jim Clark.

## Three Educators Presented Distinguished Service Awards

Dr. Thomas Hennigan, head of the department of educational media at Northwestern has announced that three Louisiana educators were presented Distinguished Service Awards by the Louisiana Audiovisual Association.

Hennigan said the awards were presented by Ed Davis of the State Department of Education during the annual Louisiana Teachers Association convention in Shreveport.

Selected as recipients of the awards were Dr. John S. Kyser, president emeritus of Northwestern State University, Emmett Cope, superintendent of Bossier Parish schools, and William J. Dodd, state superintendent of education.

According to Hennigan, the Distinguished Service Awards are presented on the basis of contributions made by

individuals to the promotion of audio visual education programs in Louisiana.



**OEBBIE WALLACE**, — Northwestern senior speech education major from Pineville, was crowned this month as the university's Winter Ball Queen. Miss Wallace won the honor over 20 nominees for the title. She reigned over the annual Winter Ball, which was held Dec. 15.

## Dr. West Honored By Speech Group

Dr. Edna West, former head of the Department of Speech and Journalism at Northwestern, has been presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Louisiana Speech Association.

The plaque was awarded during the annual meeting of the Louisiana Speech Association, which was held in conjunction with the Louisiana Teachers Association meeting in Shreveport.

Making the presentation was Dr. E. Robert Black, who succeeded Dr. West as head of the NSU department of Speech and Journalism upon her retirement last spring.



**GORDON COKER** — A member of the Northwestern Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty, has been elected president-elect of the Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He will succeed to the presidency next year.

## Jones Will Speak For Commencement

Dr. Ralph W. E. Jones, who has just completed 35 years as president of Grambling College, will serve as featured speaker for Northwestern's fall commencement exercises.

Northwestern's fall graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Jan. 27 at 8 p. m. in Prather Coliseum. Three-hundred and twenty students are candidates for degrees at fall commencement exercises.

Jones has been at Grambling for more than 45 years. He went to the school in 1926 after a year at Lampton College in Alexandria.

In his first years at the college, Jones served as instructor of mathematics, dean of men, football and baseball coach and band director. He became president of the institution in 1936.

Jones is only the second president in Grambling's history. Charles P. Adams, who founded the school, served as its president from 1901 until Jones was appointed chief executive 35 years later.

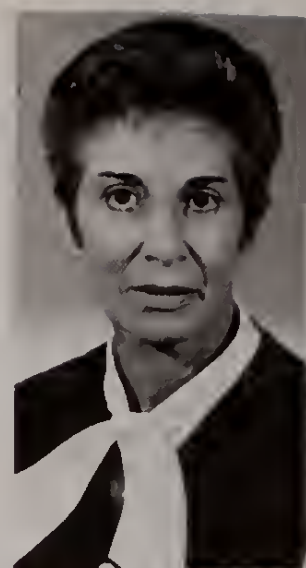
A graduate of Southern University, Jones holds a master's degree from Columbia University. Last year, Louisiana Tech University presented the Grambling president with an honorary doctorate.

Nationally-known in education circles, Jones was instrumental in having his school's name changed from Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute to Grambling.

When Jones became president of Grambling, the school had 17 faculty members, 120 students and was receiving about \$55,000 a year from the State Department of Education. Today, the institution has some 3,800 students, 400 faculty and staff members and a budget in excess of \$6 million.



**DR. JOHN D. WASKOM** — head of the Department of Geology at Northwestern, is the author of an article which appears in the current issue of "Geological Society American Bulletin." The article is an abstract of Waskom's doctoral dissertation on the geology and gravity of the Lilesville-Granite Batholith, N.C.



**DR. VIOLET DAVION** — professor of health, physical education and recreation at Northwestern, has been presented the Honor Award of the Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, the highest award given by the 2,000-member organization.

## NSU Publishes School Drug Study

An extensive report on the attitudes of high school students toward the drug problem has been released by the Department of Sociology and Social Work at Northwestern.

The survey, conducted by Dr. Millard Bienvenu, head of the Sociology and Social Work Department, deals primarily with the attitudes of students toward drug abuse, drug education, their exposure to drug availability and their channels of communication.

Conducted last school year, the survey involved more than 15,000 students enrolled in grades 7 through 12. Ranging in age from 13 to 19, the students represented 55 schools throughout the state. They were from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Bienvenu, a leader in drug education in Louisiana and director of Northwestern's highly-regarded Drug Abuse Institutes, has published results of earlier surveys in professional publications such as "Louisiana Schools" and "Louisiana Studies."

A member of the State Department of Education's Drug Abuse Advisory Council, Bienvenu is also a frequent speaker at drug education seminars across Louisiana. For the high school survey, Bienvenu developed a special questionnaire called the Drug Problem Attitude Inventory.

In addition to the statewide survey, Bienvenu is conducting parish-wide surveys and school surveys in cooperation with school officials in several parts of the state.

Bienvenu points out in the survey that the most frequently mentioned reasons why young people use drugs were escape, pleasure, group conformity, to show-off, rebellion, curiosity and problems at home.



# State Science Fair Scheduled For NSU Campus March 24-25



DR. GRADY HARPER

## Harper is Author Of Volume on Art

Dr. Grady Harper, professor of art at Northwestern is the author of a newly-published book which advocates a novel approach to teaching art to children.

The parent, kindergarten teacher and elementary school teacher have been considered in this informative project book which suggests and illustrates children's art projects that can be done in regular classrooms with special equipment such as sinks, work tables, printing presses and paper cutters.

Entitled "Clean Creative Art Projects for Children," the book presents projects which are simple, direct and clean, yet each challenges the creative and imaginative potential of the child.

"The fact that parents and teachers alike have associated children's art with a mental image of youngsters covered with tempera paint in glorious full color is one factor that has hampered if not altogether eliminated classroom art activities in kindergarten and the elementary school," says Dr. Harper.

In the book, Dr. Harper points out that elementary teachers have for many years recognized the need for practical, clean art projects which are suited for a classroom rather than an artist's studio.

Until now, little has been done to inform parents and teachers that there are numerous clean, yet creative art projects that children can effectively use.

Dr. Harper's book, with forward by Mrs. Myrtle Kerr, supervisor of art in the Louisiana Department of Education, categorizes clean art projects for children into two-dimensional projects and three-dimensional projects, with each project designated for use in kindergarten, primary or upper elementary grades.

Oren W. Whitehead of Northwestern has announced the dates, rules and contest divisions for the 18th annual Louisiana State Science Fair which will be conducted at Northwestern March 24-25.

Assistant professor of biological sciences at Northwestern, Whitehead is director of the annual science fair.

Whitehead said State Science Fair bulletins are being mailed this week to principals and science teachers at junior and senior high schools throughout Louisiana.

Hundreds of students have already begun preparing exhibits and displays for the 13 regional fairs which will be held during March across the state. Winners in the regional fairs will then come to Northwestern to compete in the State Fair.

The Louisiana State Science Fair is sponsored by the Louisiana of Sciences in cooperation with sustaining Educational Institutes and Industrial Organizations. It is affiliated with the International Science Fair.

A collection of exhibits designed to show scientific principles, laboratory procedures or industrial development, the fairs focus attention on science and mathematics and provide an opportunity for students to show ideas, research and handiwork.

Students in grades 7 through 12 will present exhibits, papers and displays at the fair, which will be held in Prather Coliseum. Whitehead said more than 400 exhibits will be judged at the fair.

The state fair will be divided into two categories — the Junior Division for grades 7 through 8, and the Senior Division for grades 9 through 12.

Competition in the Junior Division will be in Botany, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Earth Sciences, Electronics, Mathematics and Computers, Physics, Social and Behavioral Sciences and Zoology.

Senior Division competition will be in Behavioral Sciences, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics and Computers, Medicine and Health, Microbiology, Physics, Social Sciences and Zoology.

Some 20 special awards will be presented during the fair in addition to the traditional first, second and third place medals. Certificates will be given for honorable mention.

Additional information on the fair may be obtained by writing Oren Whitehead, State Science Fair Director, Northwestern State University.



THE STUDENT UNION — at Northwestern takes on the look of a gigantic Christmas card during the Christmas holidays each year. Huge murals are painted on the building's windows by student representing various campus organizations, and colorful lights and decorations adorn the massive structure, which is the center of NSU's campus life.

## Russell Library Publishes Manuscript Calendar

Russell Library at Northwestern has published a 146-page calendar of one of Louisiana's most important collections of state manuscripts.

Donald MacKenzie, head librarian at NSU, said the limited edition of the calendar is being distributed to major libraries and interested scholars.

James Egan Irion, a prominent Memphis, Tenn., attorney, placed the valuable Egan collection in the Archives Department of the Northwestern library as a permanent loan in 1967.

Miss Katherine Bridges,

NSU archivist, who was instrumental in securing the prized collection, supervised the processing and microfilming of the manuscripts and prepared the calendar now being distributed.

According to Irion, credit for the accumulation and preservation of these papers rightfully belongs to his great aunt, Miss Lavinia Egan. Miss Egan, a resident of Shreveport and Bienville Parish, was well-known as national secretary of the Women's Suffrage Party and as a writer. She died in 1945, and the papers passed into the hands of her great nephew.

Although Louisiana scholars may be most interested in the early social and political history of North Louisiana as revealed in these papers, the appeal of the collection is by no means limited to this area.

MacKenzie said "The Calendar of the Egan Family Collection 1787-1955" makes access to the manuscripts relatively easy and should be

of great benefit to historians and other scholars who desire to use the NSU collection.

The manuscripts, in covering the period of nearly 200 years, reveal many interesting sidelights on major events in the history of Ireland and America.

Letters from Governors Henry W. Allen, Thomas O. Moore and J. Madison Wells to Dr. Egan are included in the collection.

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## "Cupid's Doings"

NANCY WISE (BS '70) is now married, as of August 9, 1971, to Charles F. Smith of Rockingham, North Carolina. They are now residing in Kingston, North Carolina where Charles is district manager of Veterans Affairs.

ROBERTA JEAN PURVIS (BS '68) and James H. Bartee were married September 4, 1971. The wedding took place under the oaks on Delta National Wildlife Refuge. They currently reside on the refuge.

## Look Who's Here

MR. AND MRS. COOY  
QUINTON CORLEY (Sandra  
Jo Anderson, BA '67; Quinton,  
BS '62) announce the arrival  
of their adopted son, Clay  
James, born September 2,  
1971. The Corleys reside in  
Florien, La. where Mrs.  
Corley taught school until the  
arrival of their son. Mr.  
Corley is employed with the  
State Department of Health in  
Many, La.

## Alumni Here 'N There

OR. WILLIAM V. MUSE (BS  
'60), Dean of the College of  
Business at Appalachian State  
University, was elected In-  
ternational Treasurer for Tau  
Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at  
their recent convention held in  
Asheville, North Carolina.  
Muse and his wife Marleen  
have three children.

OOROTHY L. HOOSON (BS  
'59) a medical-surgical nurse  
from New Orleans, will return  
home November 22 after  
serving aboard the S. S. HOPE  
in the West Indies. Miss  
Hodson has been involved in  
training programs designed to  
alleviate shortages of nursing  
personnel in the islands.



# McCrary, Hrapmann Top Award Winners at Football Banquet



**NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL** — Coach Glenn Gossett, second from left, congratulates senior linebacker Larry Gaudet of New Orleans after winning the annual Coaches' Award for the 1971 football season. Looking on at left is senior safety Kenny Hrapmann of New Orleans, winner of the Most Valuable and Defensive Back of the Year Awards, and at right is senior center Gary McCrary of Baton Rouge, winner of the Demon Award, Offensive Lineman of the Year Award and Scholastic Award. The banquet was held Dec. 13.

## Five Prep Players Sign With Demons

Through the first 15 days of the 1971 college football recruiting wars, the total number of prospects signed to Northwestern grant-in-aids and announced through the athletic department was five.

Northwestern has signed two offensive tackles, one tight end, a quarterback and a linebacker.

The offensive tackles, signed were 6-4, 225-pound Garland Swann of Jackson and 6-0, 205-pound Kim Gaspard of Alexandria Senior High.

Northwestern latched onto a pass-catching team it hopes will develop, as the Demons signed 6-5 Opelousas quarterback Jay Weaver and 6-1, 195-pound tight end Danny Pool of Baker.

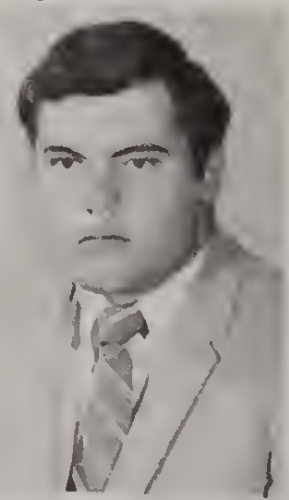
The only defensive player the athletic department announced was linebacker Lou Lanza, 5-10, 195-pounder from New Orleans Holy Cross.

## Indoor Track, Field Meet Set Feb. 4-5

The eighth annual Graduate "N" Club Indoor Track and Field Meet is scheduled for Prather Coliseum on Feb. 4-5, it was announced by Jerry Dyes, assistant track coach at Northwestern.

According to Dyes, some 180 high schools and 30 colleges and universities have been invited to this year's meet. No entries have been received, but entry deadline is Jan. 14.

## Goal Records Established By Dennis Wilkinson



DENNIS WILKINSON

## Gaspard is Inked To Grid Contract

Like father, like son, like big brother. That's the tradition the Gaspards have established at Northwestern State University.

The Northwestern football team in 1972 will have another Gaspard playing for the Demons, it was announced recently by head football coach and athletic director Glenn Gossett.

Kim Gaspard, whose father and brother played on undefeated Northwestern teams, signed a grant-in-aid and becomes the first gridder that NSU has signed out of Alexandria Senior High.

The only records established this football season were by senior field goal and point-after kicker Dennis Wilkinson of Baton Rouge, whose toe guided NSU to a 6-2-1 year.

Wilkinson tied the school record for field goals in one game with two against Southwestern Louisiana. He also tied the record for most field goals in one season with six.

But most amazing was the fact that Dennis set a career field goal record with 17 and hit 62 of 68 extra points (89.9 per cent). This year Wilkinson kicked 15 extra points without a miss. His 62 career extra points surpasses the record established by Malcom Lewis, who kicked 50 from 1965-67.

This season Dennis hit six of seven field goals from distances of 29, 25, 22, 30, 36, and 21. He came into this season with 11 career field goals, which was a career record.

In his career at Northwestern, Dennis kicked 17 of 25 field goals for a 68.0 percent effort.

In extra points, Dennis hit 32 of 34 against opponents in 1969 and last year hit 15 of 19.

When Dennis kicked the two field goals against Southwestern Louisiana to lead Northwestern to a 27-19 win, it marked the third time in his career that he had tied the record.

## Ebey and Pittman Are Also Honored

Gary McCrary, 6-1, 196-pound senior center, and Kenny Hrapmann, 5-9, 155-pound senior safety, were top award winners at the annual Northwestern State University football banquet.

McCrary, a former two-time All-Gulf States Conference and twice Little All-American honorable mention from Baton Rouge, was named the recipient of this year's Demon Award, which is symbolic of the excellence of play throughout the year.

Hrapmann, a four-year starter from New Orleans, was voted by his teammates as Northwestern's Most Valuable Player for the 1971 season.

In addition to receiving the Demon Award, which Hrapmann received last year, McCrary also won his third straight Offensive Lineman of the Year Award and is this year's scholastic award winner.

McCrary, one of the most consistent players in Louisiana collegiate football, graded 82 per cent on the offensive line this year and posted a 3.14 average in the classroom.

Hrapmann, whose interception in the end zone late in the game preserved a 3-3 tie with the second-ranked McNeese State Cowboys, also won the Defensive Backfield award for the second straight year and for the third time in his four-year career at Northwestern. Kenny, all conference his freshman year, graded 85 per cent in NSU's defensive secondary.

Other award winners honored Monday night were junior defensive end Clinton Ebey of Shreveport, this year's Defensive Lineman of the Year and freshman fullback Leroy Pittman of Jackson, this year's Offensive Backfield Player of the Year.

Gordon Boogaerts, junior linebacker from Shreveport, received his award for most tackles this season with 122. Senior offensive guard Bobby Koncak of Dallas, another former two-time all-GSC player, won the Knockdown Award for the second time in three years.

The team's downfield blocking award went to sophomore wide receiver Skipper Morgan of Shreveport while senior linebacker Larry Gudet of New Orleans won the Coaches' Award.

Elected as permanent captains for this year's Northwestern football team which finished with a 6-2-1 record were Koncak, Hrapmann, McCrary, quarterback Bob Wattigny and cornerback Paul Tacker, all seniors.

Lettered were nine seniors, seven junior, 13 sophomores and 13 freshmen.



VERNON WILSON

## Demon Basketball Team Progressing

Northwestern State basketball coach Tynes Hildebrand has promised alumni basketball fans that his Demons will play at home more in January than the schedule allowed them to in December. NSU plays five home games in January, compared to three this month.

Northwestern played on the road seven of the 10 games in December and this includes two games in the Centenary Holiday Tournament which begins Dec. 29 in Shreveport in the Gold Dome. Northwestern meets East Tennessee State in the first round.

December was a tough month for the Demons, especially in the first three games, which Northwestern dropped to Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M. and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

However, January is going to be a lot tougher, especially the last three home games that month when Northwestern entertains Southwestern Louisiana on Jan. 10, Southern State on Jan. 22 and Louisiana Tech on Jan. 31.

Northwestern has a two-game home stand with Southeastern Louisiana and Centenary on Jan. 3-4.

The five teams that play in Prather Coliseum in January have a combined won-lost record of 95-42, while the last three teams on the home schedule next month have a combined won-lost record from the 1970-71 season of 71-14.

Already, Louisiana Tech and Southwestern Louisiana have established themselves as two of the finest college basketball teams in the nation. Through the first five games of the season Tech was averaging 104 points a game and is one of the highest scoring outfits in the country. Southwestern, ranked in the top 20 early this season, won the Bayou Classic in Lafayette by defeating sixth-ranked Long Beach State in the finals.

